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Hi:

My two cents on the Microsoft antitrust settlement... in a word, ridiculous.

Microsoft is the largest, most successful monopoly in US history and has a corporate culture, starting with Bill Gates, of lying, stealing, cheating, badgering and illegally bludgeoning everyone and anyone whom they perceive as a "competitor". They will continue their rampage in the computer industry until the US Government actually DOES SOMETHING to end their monopolistic practices.

The current settlement on the table is not this solution but rather a pathetic slap on the wrist. It just goes to show you that when you have enough money you can BUY the right to lie, steal and cheat in the marketplace (in general, the corrupt politicians in Washington are almost wholly responsible for this with the Republicans, which I am embarrassed to admit that I am one, leading the way in CASH for FAVORS).

Oh yeah... and about that rhetoric floating around about it being anti-American and anti-Capitalist to prosecute Microsoft... the obvious source of this sentiment is Microsoft. This is Bill Gates propaganda campaign to derail the antitrust ruling against Microsoft and WE DON'T BUY IT.

There is only so much we as American citizens will tolerate when it comes to the fleecing of the general public. The time is drawing nigh where there will be a wholesale revolt against this kind of crap and WE THE PEOPLE will begin electing reps who actually represent us and not BIG CORPORATIONS.

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